REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 14 and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite, rejected claims 12-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated, allowed claims 1-11, and objected to claim 17 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 25-35 are withdrawn. Claims 1-18 and 20-24 remain in the application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-11.

Claim 17 has been amended to independent form and thus in allowable form.

The rejection for indefiniteness was for lacking antecedent basis. "Support wafer" has been substituted for "substrate" in the claims rejected for this. This was the only rejection for claims 19-24 so they are otherwise allowable.

In this regard then, claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 19, which has been canceled, so should be allowable. Claims 13-16, 18, and 20-22 depend directly or indirectly on claim 12 so should allowable. Claims 23 and 24 have been converted to independent form so should be allowable. Thus all of the remaining claims are in the form indicated as allowable or have been amended to the form indicated as allowable.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.
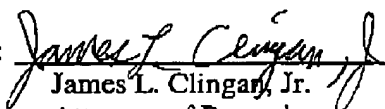
Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully solicited. Please contact the below-signed if there are any issues regarding this communication or otherwise concerning the current application.

Respectfully submitted,

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